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1. UNDERSECRETARY IN FINANCE MINISTRY ARNE ARNESEN RECENTLY

FILLED IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR ON MOST RECENT NORDIC DISCUSSION OF IEP HELD ON OCTOBER 3. ARNESEN SAID OCTOBER 3 MEETING WAS SIXTH OR SEVENTH SINCE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AT WHICH DANES AND NORWEGIANS BRIEFED OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES ON UNCONFIDENTIAL ECG ACTIVITIES. CUSTOMARILY FINNS HAD ONLY SENT OIL EXPERTS WHILE ICELAND WAS REPRESENTED BY THE EMBASSY IN THE CAPITAL WHERE THE MEETING WAS HELD. POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES USUALLY ATTENDED FOR SWEDEN.

2. THE FINNS UP-GRADED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE OCTOBER 3 MEETING BY SENDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THEIR TRADE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES AS WELL AS OIL EXPERTS. AT THE MEETING NORWEGIANS AND DANES URGED THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES EITHER TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE IEP WHEN IT CAME UP FOR APPROVAL IN THE OECD OR TO ABSTAIN IN THE VOTING, AND ARNESEN BELIEVES THAT OTHER NORDICS WILL NOT BLOCK IEP IN OECD BY VOTING AGAINST IT.

3. ON SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN THE IEP, ARNESEN SAID THE SWEDES WERE STILL INTERESTED BUT WOULD WAIT TO SEE ABOUT JOINING UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 29 WHEN THE IEP IS TO COME INTO FORCE PROVISIONALLY. THE SWEDES INDICATED THAT THEY WISHED TO WAIT UNTIL THAT TIME BECAUSE OF UNCERTANTIES ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF EVENTUAL IEP MEMBERSHIP AND IEP TERMS. THEY HOPED THIS WOULD NOT RPT NOT PRECLUDE THEM FROM BECOMING A CHARTER MEMBER BY JOINING THE IEP BEFORE MID-NOVEMBER WHEN THE IEP IS TO ENTER INTO FORCE. THE SWEDES ALSO TOLD ARNESEN THAT THEIR CABINET HAD NOT YET DISCUSSED IEP PARTICIPATION.

4. ARNESEN BELIEVES THAT FINNISH PARTICIPATION IS VERY MUCH AN OPEN QUESTION. THE FINNS HAD NOT RECEIVED IEP DOCUMENTATION UNTIL RECENTLY AND WILL NOT TAKE A STAND ON MEMBERSHIP FOR SOME TIME. THE FINNISH CABINET HAD NOT DISCUSSED THE MATTER. ARNESEN NOTED THAT TWO-THIRDS OF FINLAND'S OIL IMPORTS COME FROM THE USSR AND THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE POLITICALLY DIFFICULT FOR FINLAND TO JOIN UNLESS ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OECD DID SO.

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5. ARNESEN SAID ICELANDIC PARTICIPATION WAS EVEN MORE PROBLEMATIC THAN FINNISH PARTICIPATION. THE ICELANDIC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OCTOBER 3 MEETING WERE ALMOST COMPLETELY UNINFORMED.
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